



General Assembly

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## ***Amendment***

LCO No. 4961



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REP. SIMMONS, 144<sup>th</sup> Dist.  
REP. STALLWORTH, 126<sup>th</sup> Dist.  
REP. TONG, 147<sup>th</sup> Dist.  
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To: Subst. House Bill No. **5564**

File No. 297

Cal. No. 221

### ***"AN ACT CONCERNING CARD BALANCES."***

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- 1      Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the  
2      following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2016*) (a) For the purposes of  
4 this section, "gift card" means a record evidencing a promise, made for  
5 consideration, by the seller or issuer of the record that goods or  
6 services will be provided to the owner of the record to the value shown  
7 in the record and includes, but is not limited to, a record that contains  
8 a microprocessor chip, magnetic stripe or other means for the storage  
9 of information, that is prefunded and for which the value is  
10 decremented upon each use, an electronic gift card, stored-value card  
11 or certificate, a store card or a similar record or card. "Gift card" does  
12 not include: (1) A general-use prepaid card, as defined in 12 CFR  
13 1005.20(a)(3), as from time to time amended, (2) a gift certificate  
14 donated or sold below face value by a retailer to a charitable  
15 organization or nonprofit community organization, (3) a linked  
16 prepaid card, as defined in section 42-460a of the general statutes, (4) a  
17 card or certificate issued by a retailer pursuant to an awards, loyalty or  
18 promotional program for which no money or other item of monetary  
19 value was exchanged, (5) a gift certificate or card sold below face value  
20 by a retailer, (6) a gift certificate or card sold by a retailer that does not  
21 have a retail establishment in this state, or (7) a gift certificate that is  
22 issued only on paper.

23 (b) Each seller or issuer of a gift card shall provide the purchaser of  
24 such gift card with either an electronic or paper copy of a (1) proof of  
25 purchase receipt, or (2) gift receipt for such gift card.

26 (c) If a person uses a gift card to purchase goods or services and the  
27 balance on the gift card is less than five dollars after such purchase, the  
28 person accepting the gift card as payment, if requested by the  
29 purchaser, shall provide the purchaser with a cash refund equal to the  
30 value of the remaining balance on the gift card after the purchase.

31 (d) The provisions of subsection (c) of this section shall only apply if  
32 the purchaser provides the person accepting the gift card as payment  
33 proof of purchase or a gift receipt for such gift card.

34 (e) Any person who violates the provisions of subsection (b) or (c) of

35 this section shall be fined one hundred dollars for a first offense, two  
36 hundred dollars for a second offense and two hundred fifty dollars for  
37 each subsequent offense."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2016	New section